### POETRY.

### To an Absent Sister.

I am lonely, I am lonely, : Although many friends are round; I am lonels, I am lonely, For then art not with them found,

As a flower deprived of sunlight, Droop I, when afar from thee; As a bird with wounded pinion, With thee yearns my heart to be.

Ever with the I am pining, In the beauty-haunted night; When the holy stars are shining, For thy blue eyes' gentle light.

Come to me, Oh, come and cheer me, With thy spirit stirring tone ; But, alas, those canst not hear me, I am locally, all alone?

#### Gentle Words.

The aut may warm the grass to life, The slew the drooping flower; The eyes grow bright, and watch the light Of Autumn's opening hour-But words that breathe of tenderness And smiles we know are true,

Are warmer than the aummer-time, Are brighter than the dew. It is not much the world can give. With all its subtle art, And gold and genis are not the things

But oh, if those who cluster round The aliar and the hearth. Have gentle words, and loving smites, How beautiful is earth!

To sanctify the heart;

# AGRICULTURAL.

#### Hints for the Season.

We copy the following from the Ohio Farmer, and recommend the careful perusal of them:

Be sure to bring your stock within the limits of your fodder. Do not commence the winter, trusting to an open or mild season to help you through. To avoid the demand. 3. Drive your stock to districts where food is pleaty. The last Farmer. course is the best, where your stock is far, if you can get the animals kept by a

begin till after that time, and November way. is a better month for out-of-door work than March. For a five months' school

A WORD ABOUT WINTER EVENINGS .-made to tell on the interests of farming in radish may be taken up and replanted. your neighborhood? Are you going to get up a Farmers' Club, to discuss the that will furnish all the young people with needed information? We think we hear you saying "Yes, all these matters are under way, and we will report progress."

#### Agricultural Machines and their Manufacture.

Within the past few years the manufacture of agricultural machines has become quite a business in the West, and as the demand is always increasing for articles of this kind, we may expect that manufactories will increase in the same ratio. We often hear our farmers, who use these implements complain that many of them are very poorly made. That they look very well at first, but in a short time give out, become deranged, or break down, with even a common amount of use. The manufacturers of course get all the blame, and there is no doubt that a pretty good share of it belongs to at least a part of them. Yet the farmer is also in error to a considerable extent, as it is the practice to purchase the cheapest articles of the desired pattern, with very little regard as to who is the maker. Now this is wrong. It is necessary that a higher price be demanded and paid for a well finished machine than for one put together in a rude unworkmanlike manner, whose only claim to notice consists in the paint and varnish with which it is covered. There is also a great difference in the quality of the material of which such implements are made. Where wrought from is used, there is to the manufacturar a great difference in the cost of the several kinds; "common," much of which will break with a ered in a very simple manner, and withvery slight strain, costs a good deal less out apparatus. Gather the flowers with than "cable," and still less than "char- as little stalk as possible, and place them coal." The last mentioned quality being in a jar, three parts full of clive or almond the strongest of all. And in cast iron oil. After being in the oil twenty-four there is also a great contrast. Scrap costs hours, put them in a coarse cloth and but little, and in many cases is very useful; squeeze the oil from them. This process, but the castings produced from burnt stove, with fresh flowers, is to be repeated actually and the saperior character of the numerous plates and such like scraps have got pre- cording to the strength of the perfume Chicago; Trabner & Co., 12 Paternoster lines little tengeity, and along with their required. The oil being thus thorough Row, agents for Great Britain and Europe cious little tenacity, and along with their required. The oil being thus thoroughy Row, agent cious little tenacity, and along with their required. hardness they are almost as brittle as perfumed with the volatile principle of the crockery; while "hanging rock," Scotch flowers, is to be mixed with an equal pig, and even the common qualities of quantity of pure spirits, and shaken every American pig, cost a great deal more. day for a fortnight, when it may be poured Part of the latter is of course used, but off, ready for use. too often in less proportion than should be. But could a higher price be obtained by the manufacturer he would put in better

material, because he could afford it.

anything in places one good belt is worth a dozen such .- And the fitting of parts is very often no fitting at all, but a bringing together of surfaces by sheer arm and screw-wrench force. To put two-pieces of metal properly together, requires a good mechanic, who must be well paid, while a poorer, workman may receive smaller wages, and will hurry over work in a manner that no good workman would consider himself postified in doingthis manner, and selling at a low ratewhich they can well afford to do-compel to a certain extent the honest manufacturer to do the same, or abandon the market. The majority of farmers are, unfortunately unable by examination to detect the poor from the well finished article. In many cases it is almost impossible to do so, without taking the machine to pieces, and even then he would require to be possessed of considerable mechanical knowledge, in fact to be a machinist himself. The only course therefore, that our farming commonity can adopt, is to buy the best, and from makers who are known to produce character to lose, and to such a one, it is to kindly humor, to piquant delineation, and absolutely necessary to pay a good price

Care should also be taken to purchase complicated as possible. Machines com- old dear home." - Courier, Burlington, Vt. complicated as possible. Machines comout of order, and are most difficult to re-pair, even if farmers had the necessary skill, which, as a general thing they have skill, which, as a general thing they have not—to put them again to rights, it would require a small machine shop, with all its drear and desolate without, we ask for no Henry Taylor, 111 Baltimore street, Baltiother person must therefore do this part other person must therefore do this part wit are a sovereign specific for all fits of the of the business, and it becomes thereby a blues or attacks of the horrors, and time possible avoided. Inventors and makers pend articles of the horrors, and time possible avoided. Inventors and makers pend. of such articles should bear in mind, that the less complex a machine is, the more valuable it is, all other things being equal. We may return to this subject at some future day, and in the meantime will hope that these few hints will produce a good this, you may do some of the following effect on both producer and consumer. If things:-1. Sell or kill till you are sure farmers and manufacturers will co-operate that your supply of food is sufficient for your stock. 2. Buy grain or hay, to meet ruin the trade of reckless manufacturers who make machinery only to sell .- [Ohio

for his articles.

#### strong and you do not have to drive too Monstrous Growths made Permanent.

This is a fact which the best botanists A Worn about Schools.—Have a describe as a fixed one. Take a plant good school at home—that is in your own which has produced a "sport" or monstrous neighborhood,—for four or five months deviation from its normal form. Propathis winter. In Northern Ohio, we sug- gate from the stem on which the "sport" gest that it would be better, if you can, to grew, and the scion will produce the same. have your winter schools continue till In this way some new varieties of flowers sent one year for five dollars; the KNICKERabout the first of April. Our reason for are added to the supply we already have. this is, that spring work does not fairly More will be added hereafter in the same year,

from the middle of November to the mid-planted on favorable soil. Raspherrry die of April, is as good a time as any in plantations may be made this month. Dig all potatoes and fall root crops and have Shall the coming of long evenings be enough, but not so as to sweat. Horsethem stowed where they will be warm The larger roots may be laid aside for use.—They may be kept as your other questions pertaining to your business? roots are.—Now is the time for planting Will you kay in company with your neight dociduous trees. While the dry weather bors, some fifteen or twenty dollars in lasts, this may be done. Evergreens sketches and poems, by the should be left till spring.

> BLEEDING TREES to make them bear, onsists in cutting the bark up and down the tree, from the limbs to the ground, about the first of May. The bark should be cut entirely through. But the wood should not be penetrated with the knife. The advantages claimed for this operation 2nd. It brings trees into bearing sconer, 3d. It aids those trees whose outside bark

# VALUABLE RECEIPTS.

# Stewed Fresh Beef and Rice.

Put an ounce of fat in a pot, cut half a pound of ment in large dice, add a teapoonful of salt, half one of sugar, an onion sliced; put on the fire to stew for fifteen minutes, stirring occasionally, then udd two ounces of rice, a pint of water ; stew gently till done and serve. Any 10 savory herbs will improve the flavor .-Fresh park, veal or mutton may be done in the same way, and half a pound of potatoes used instead of the rice, and, as rations are served out for three days, the whole of the provisions may be cooked at | \$4.00, once, as it will keep for days in the winter t and is easily warmed up again.

# Perfume of Flowers.

The perfume of flowers may be gath-

# Varnish for Iron.

Varoish for Iron work, may be made Which for price and durability are unsur as follows:-Take one gallon of coal tar, passed in Western lowa, which Then in regard to the workmanship, half a pint of turpentine, and two cances bolts with half-cut threads, and nots that of oil of vitriol. Stir them well together, never fitted, are but illy calculated to keep and apply the mixture as paint.

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Pleasant, genial, delightful 'Old Knick!" sight of thy modest, fresh cover, a balm from nuckers who are known to produce to spiritual sore eyes; a glance within thee, well made machines, having in fact a best autidate for the blues. Thou hast given to side-splitting fon, a flocal habitation, without which they might go wandering over the domain of letters, calling now and then Care should also be taken to purchase where a friendly door opened to them but re-tools, implements or machines, as little fueleg to be comforted for the loss of their gether, by one person, \$4.00 per annum.

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# VARIETY.

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Mr. Albert Smith once wrote in an The management of this new and popular hotel register his initials, "A. S." A wag wrote underneath, "Two-thirds of the truth.

> An old widow, when her pastor said to her, "God has not deserted you in your old age," replied, "No, sir; I have a very good appetite still." It is concluded on all hands that ladies

> are fair-and the chickens are fowl-that the money market is tight, that the morals are loose, and morning gowns too. Williams, our quarter-master, is an eccentric character. He is narried, and

> constantly receives letters from his absent rib; these however he never opens, but keeps them all tied up. On his return, he says, she can read them all of a lump, An English cockney at the Falls of Niagara, when asked how he liked the Falls, replied, " They're 'audsome-quite

> so; but they don't quite answer my hex-

pectations, besides I got thoroughly vetted

and lost my 'at. I prefer to look at 'em in an hingraving in 'ot weather and in the They have some primitive habits in Hamilton county. They wash in mud puddles and dry on mullen leaves. Tin pans answer for mirrors, while Mr. Flint the hunter, shaves with a clam shell, un-

less the beard is over a week old, when

A gentleman having done something wrong in a public garden of Paris, and being called to account for it by one of SECOND-A copy of the Cosmopolitan Art the guardians, said to him; "If I were to put a dollar upon each of your eyes, could you see?" The answer was, " No, but if had another upon my mouth I could not speak."

moustaches with the butter-knife. The young ladies, in crowds, and tears, attended his finneral, with considerable bustle.

George the Third, talking to Hutton, the Moravian missionary, said: "Mr. Hutton, I am told that you Moravians do not select your wives, but leave it to your ministers to choose for you-is it so?" "Yes, please your majesty, marriages among the brethren are contracted, as your majesty will perceive, after the fash-ion of royalty,"

A queer case of adsence of mind is going the rounds, that happened to a violinist at an evening party where he was invited to play. After having played a great many tunes, a lady, one of the company present, asked him if he could play a certain difficult air, whereupon, having tried in vain to recall it to his memory, he turned round with great composure and

said, " will the lady please to whistle it." A person named Danger kept a public house on the Huntingdon road, near Cambridge, England. On being compelled to quit the house, which was not his own, he built an inn on the opposite side of the road, and caused to be painted beneath his sign, " Danger from over the way." His equal and free participants in a rare art-work successor in the old house retorted by in-distribution. They also receive that beauti-ful quarterly, the "Art Journal," free. ger here now."

A "Farmer's Boy," in Barren county, Kentucky, advertises for a wife. He says:

He wants to know if she can milk, And make his bread and butter, And go to meeting without silk, To make a "show and flutter."

He'd like to know if it would hurt Her hand to take up stiches; Or saw the buttons on his shirt, Or make a pair of breeches.

Lately, at a distribution of prizes in a German village, a little girl seven years old, whose parents had just been turned out of their lodgings, because they had failed to pay their rent, was asked by the rector:

"Have you studied sacred history, my child ?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you know the history of the crea-" I know that God made all."

" Why were Adam and Eve turned out of Paradiso?" The child hesitated a moment, and then fixing her eyes on the examiner, replied-" Probably they were turned out because

A man lately went to the Post Office, and putting his mouth up to the delivery box, cried out, Louder!" The clerk, supposing the man to be deaf, and that he was making a request of him to speak

" Louder !" cried the man. "What name?" yelled the clerk. " Louder !" again bawled the man, who

now supposed the clerk to be deaf. chance of drawing some one of the numerous

The clerk took a long breath, and with
Works of Art to be distributed. Therefore, all his might again bawled out in the man's face the same question, "What with the Cosmopolitan Art Association. If mame?" This was done in so loud a tone

> ing to the very top his big lungs: " Louder! Sir! Louder! I told you Louder! My name is nothing else!" "Oh, ah! oh, ho!" said the clerk, "your

name is Loader, ch! Didn't think of that! here's your letter.